

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, June 5, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Hope and Truth, we depend upon Your direction and guidance in our day to day efforts to serve You and constituents in a meaningful, consistent and rational way. We look to You for help as we try to cope with our own daily responsibilities as well as the various demands and expectations, sometimes unreasonable, of constituents. Inspire us to be fair, objective and honorable in carrying out our tasks. May our hearts and minds be filled with peace, happiness and enthusiasm as we take on the many current legislative challenges and opportunities on the day's agenda. In planning for the future, teach us to be aware of the legislative accomplishments as well as the legislative failures of our predecessors. Teach us to be grateful to them for their dedication to the common good.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative DeLeo of Winthrop.

A written statement of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that as a result of my absence from the State House on June 4, 2008 due to illness, I was unable to record votes on roll calls held during that day's sitting of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on roll call numbers 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 383, 384 and 385, and would have voted in the negative on roll call number 382.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont) honoring Kathleen P. Miller on the occasion of her retirement from the Belmont School Committee;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont) honoring Scott D. Stratford on the occasion of his retirement from the Belmont School Committee;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Moritz Schmid on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating Acting Chief of Police Christopher Ciampa on his retirement from the Stoughton Police Department;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McCarthy of East Bridgewater) celebrating the opening of the town of Abington Senior Center;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Jacob Tucker on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Albert Wisialko on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) honoring the town of Sheffield on the two hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding;

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Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Fagan of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset, Canessa of New Bedford and Sullivan of Fall River) congratulating Arlene Booker on the occasion of her retirement from Our Lady of Lourdes School in Taunton, Massachusetts;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Palmer) honoring Dennis M. Fountain;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Speliotis of Danvers) congratulating the Greek-American community of Massachusetts upon the recognition of their cultural heritage; and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Patrick R. Schomacker on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Linsky to Natick, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets be granted until Monday, June 30, 2008, the time within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 4732.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Relative to Gold Star license plates (Senate, No. 2352, amended by adding the following section:-

"SECTION 3. Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The registrar shall develop guidelines for and shall implement a license plate retention program for members of the United States military and Department of Defense employees who are deployed to, or present in, a theater of combat operations. Under the program, any Massachusetts resident who is serving in the United States military, the United States military reserves, the Massachusetts National Guard or is working as a civilian employee of the United States Department of Defense or 1 of its agencies and is deployed to, or present in, a theater of combat operations, shall have the option of retaining one or more of his motor vehicle license plates, at no charge, for the duration of his deployment. The registrar shall develop and make available an appropriate form or forms which may be used by a qualifying individual to cancel his automobile insurance and suspend his vehicle's registration, taking effect prior to deployment and upon the sale or storage of his motor vehicle. Upon returning from his deployment, the vehicle's owner shall furnish the registry with proof that his automobile insurance policy has been reinstated, and the registry may then allow him to register and affix his plates to a new vehicle or to re-register the plates and re-affix them to an existing vehicle held in storage.") (on Senate, No. 2104);

Relative to a parcel of land in the city of Lowell (Senate, No. 2726) (on Senate bill No. 2153) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (Senate, No. 2733) (on Senate bill No. 2647);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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A Bill relative to certain sewer connections in the town of Essex (Senate, No. 1201) (on a petition [Local Approval Received]), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports

Of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities in the Commonwealth, severally were spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Of the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction, in the city of Northampton; and

Of MCI Shirley Medium Security Facility, in the town of Shirley;

Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2731) of Stephen M. Brewer, Anne M. Gobi and Todd M. Smola (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the Department of Public Works of the town of Ware;

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2732) of Stephen M. Brewer, Anne M. Gobi and Todd M. Smola (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a revolving fund in the town of Ware; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2734) of Robert L. Hedlund (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Weymouth to transfer certain water supplyland;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the late filing of a tax abatement application for the owners of Three Fuller Place in Cambridge (House, No. 4226); and

Relative to temporary loans and assessment of betterments by the town of Hingham (House, No. 4236);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,--

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.